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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION -- INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
SELECTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 122998; STATE 123864; STATE 124005

1. DRAWING ON THE REFERENCED SHABA SITUATION REPORT
MESSAGES AND THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS, ACTION ADDRESSEE
POSTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPRO-
PRIATE HIGH LEVEL TO CONVEY USG VIEWS AND CONCERNS RE
CURRENT SHABA CRISIS.

2. TALKING POINTS:

--USG IS MONITORING CURRENT SITUATION IN SHABA WITH CON-
CERN. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF FRIENDLY GOVERN-
MENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS CONCERNING THE SITUATION THERE.

--IN ACCORD WITH OUR PREVIOUSLY STATED POLICY, AND WITH
STRONGLY HELD OAU TENETS, WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
THAT THE PRINCIPAL OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY BE MAINTAINED
IN ZAIRE, AS IN THE REST OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

--THOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY ZAIRIAN CHARGES THAT CUBAN TROOPS ARE INVOLVED IN THE SHABA INVASION, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LATEST BREACH OF THE PEACE IN CENTRAL HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ATTRACT UNWANTED OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

--WE ARE STUDYING WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED DELIVERIES OF SUPPLIES WHICH COULD HELP ZAIRE TO BEAT BACK THIS, THE SECOND MAJOR INCURSION INTO ZAIRIAN TERRITORY IN SLIGHTLY MORE THAN A YEAR.

--OUR MOST IMMEDIATE PREOCCUPATION MUST, HOWEVER, BE THE SAFETY OF 80 TO 100 AMERICAN CITIZENS STILL APPARENTLY IN SECRET

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AND AROUND KOLWEZI, AN AREA OF ACTIVE COMBAT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME 2000 OR MORE BELGIANS, ABOUT 400 FRENCH CIVILIANS AND A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONALITIES ARE ALSO IN THIS COMBAT ZONE.

--OUR CONSULTATION WITH YOU ARE DICTATED BY OUR STRONGLY-HELD CONVICTION THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS CAN AND MUST BE SETTLED BY AFRICANS THEMSELVES; THAT SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS CANNOT BE IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE THE CONTINENT.

3. FOR LIBREVILLE: YOU SHOULD COUCH ALL THE ABOVE POINTS IN THE CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S INCUMBENCY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, NOTING THAT WE PARTICULARLY VALUE HIS VIEWS AND ADVICE, AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE OAU AND ITS LEADERS PLAN TO DO TO HELP RESOLVE THE SHABA INVASION.

4. FOR MONROVIA: IN LIGHT OF YOUR EARLIER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO GOL OFFICIALS.

5. REUTERS (AND OTHER PRESS) THIS AFTERNOON CARRYING FOLLOWING: "WASHINGTON, MAY 16 - U.S. PARATROOPERS AND TRANSPORT PLANES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT FOR A POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM ZAIRE, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID TONIGHT." IF ASKED, OR SHOULD YOU FEEL IT ADVISABLE DURING COURSE OF FOREGOING REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS TO RAISE SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT "SOME UNITS OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON AN INCREASED ALERT STATUS. NO UNITS ARE DEPLOYED. THIS IS A NORMAL AND REASONABLE PRECAUTION TAKEN WHEN AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA WHERE CONFLICT IS OCCURRING. IT SHOULD BE SEEN AS THAT AND SECRET

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